(*b*) *Compound wall.*—As this is not an inescapable item of work judged from the present onditions this is proposed to be postponed for better times.

Play ground.—The matter is receiving consideration along with other cases of High Schools. In view of the fact that the proposal involves a capital outlay of not less than Rs. 15,000 and the fact that the school has been authorised to use the old Fish Curing Yard as play ground, this question will also have to wait for better times.

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

439. Mr V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthasan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the Industries Department is still a growing department;

(*b*) if they have any intention of organising and developing rural industries as a post-war measure;

(*c*) if there is a dearth of officers with organising ability in the Department of Industries and Commerce in the State?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Schemes for organising and developing rural industries as a post-war measure on a Co-operative basis are being prepared to be placed before the Post-war Reconstruction Committee.

(*c*) There is no dearth of officers now.

DEATHS ON ACCOUNT OF MALARIA IN CERTAIN VILLAGES

440. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased te state.—

(*a*) the number of persons that died of malaria in the 1st five months of 1121 in the villages of Puthuruthi, Parlikad, Thekkumkara, Manalithara and Karamatta;

(*b*) what exactly is the nature of the work done by the Public Health Department to fight this scourge in these villages;

(*c*) what is the quantity of quinine distributed by the Public Health Department in these villages during this period and to how many patients?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*)

1. Puduruthi	..	nil.
2. Parlikad	..	6.
3. Thekkumkara	..	1.
4. Manalithara	..	nil.
5. Karamatta	..	nil.

(*b*) The sanitary Inspector, Vadakkanchery division and his staff are distributing quinacrine Hydrochlor pills in infected areas. A malaria survey was conducted in these places by the malariologist. It was found that the railway and P. W. D. burrow pits are the main sources of mosquito breeding. The railway authorities and the P. W. D. have been appraised of these circumstances and they have been advised to cover the burrow pits as early as possible. In the meanwhile, arrangements have been made to treat the breeding places with 'malariol B' as a temporary measure.

(*c*) 3,000 quinacrine Hydrochlor pills have been distributed to 223 patients.

PUBLIC LATRINE—VIYYUR

441. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government please say.—

(*a*) whether there is any public latrines in Viyyur in Trichur Taluk?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

FRANCHISE COMMITTEE—CONSTITUTION OF

442. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have seen the report and the leaderette in the "Mathrubhumi" dated 16th January 1946 on the constitution of the Franchise Committee in Cochin;

(*b*) whether they have also seen the leading articles in the Newspapers, "Malabar Mail" and "Deepam" on the New Franchise Committee;

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